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FISH RECEIPTS. FOR JANUARY.

AMOUNTS LANDED AT THIS
PORT AND BOSTON IN AMER-
ICAN VESSELS.

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries shows that there were landed at this port by American fishing vessels during the month of January, 1911 79 fares aggregating 3,172,278 pounds of fresh fish, valued at \$106,338 and 4,449,508 pounds of salt fish valued at \$102,354, a total of 8,462,786 pounds, valued at \$208,692 were landed at this port by American fishing vessels during the month of January, while for the same month there were landed at Boston 375 fares, aggregating 7,137,800 pounds of fresh fish, valued at \$185,031. The receipts in detail were:

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod	85,303	\$2,405
Salt cod	355,955	18,435
Total cod	441,758	20,840
Fresh haddock	787,025	14,909
Salt haddock	5,995	120
Total haddock	793,020	15,029
Fresh cusk	5,370	99
Salt cusk	2,243	59
Total cusk	7,613	158
Fresh hake	10,832	350
Salt hake	1,090	22
Total hake	11,922	372
Fresh pollock	50,475	1,298
Salt pollock	30,198	605
Total pollock	80,673	1,903
Fresh halibut	46,273	5,452
Salt halibut	389	81
Total halibut	46,662	5,483
Salt herring	4,353,636	33,082
Frozen herring	2,727,500	81,825
Total herring	7,081,136	164,907
Fresh cod	936,900	34,154
Fresh haddock	5,343,700	120,132
Fresh cusk	141,700	3,510
Fresh hake	356,600	14,145
Fresh pollock	357,400	12,674
Fresh halibut	1,500	416

Portland Fish Notes.

Outside of the schooner Elk, there were but two arrivals with fish at Portland on Wednesday, sch. Albert W. Black, with 4000 and sch. Albert D. Willard with 5000, both for the E. S. Willard Co.

Speaking of the arrival of sch. Elk, the Portland Press says:

"Capt. Charles Colson is one of the happiest halibut fishermen on the New England coast. He came into Portland yesterday and there was the smile of good nature on his face. He wore a satisfied smile, too and he had a right to wear it, for he is in a good way of being the high liner of the halibut fleet for the year.

"Capt. Colson is skipper of the Gloucester schooner Elk. He brought that craft proudly into port yesterday, and it marked the completion of the second trip the schooner has ever made. As readers will remember, when the handsome craft was in here about a month ago, she was on her first voyage. The one that was completed yesterday was only the second and it was even better than the first.

"When Capt. Colson came in before, he took away with him for his halibut and other fish somewhat over \$2000. Yesterday he received for his trip of halibut and other fish, \$3700. This brings the total earnings of the schooner for her two trips to \$6000, which is mighty good work considering the fearful weather that has been encountered on every hand.

"From the time the Elk left on her second trip until she returned yesterday, she was gone only 20 days. Yet in that time she made the run to Brown's Bank and landed a fare of 30,000 pounds of halibut. And such halibut as they were, too. Every person who saw them in the J. W. Trefethen shed, where they were taken out yesterday, pronounced them the finest that have been landed here in many a month. Capt. Colson said a little better weather was encountered on this trip than on the first one, but he lost an anchor for all of that."

Lobsters Scarce at Portland.

Portland needs lobsters. Up to a short time ago, it was thought there would be enough to carry the dealers through the winter, but the supply has suddenly dropped off. The fishermen are landing very few, as is usually the case at this time of the year.

The bad weather, which has been continually boisterous, is given as the cause of the shortage. It has blown so hard all along the coast that the boatmen have been unable to get out and haul their traps, while others

have not even been able to set their pots. Added to this has been the trouble that the men at the pounds have experienced. The continual cold weather has frozen the water to an unusual depth and none of the lobsters usually kept here have been taken out. The supply in Portland was yesterday pronounced very low with not enough of the crustaceans on hand to fill the orders.

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CREW SHARED \$111 EACH.

Halibut Fare of Sch. Elk Figured
Handsome Stock of \$3733.

The voyage of the new sch. Elk, Capt. Charles Colson, which came up from Portland, where she landed her fine fare of halibut, was figured up this forenoon. As a result of the trip, the handsome stock of \$3733 was made and on this each man of the crew of the craft had the pleasure of taking the nice check of \$111 for his share of the voyage.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, Capt. Colson has made a dandy start for a fine season's work and is keeping up his good record of the past two seasons.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, stocked \$2930 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$70.30 clear.

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HAS FINE BOOK DEDICATED TO HIM

CAPT. JOHN W. MACFARLAND OF
THIS CITY HONORED BY HIS
LEARNED NEPHEW.

Prof. Raymond MacFarland of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, has recently had published by D. Appleton & Company, a book entitled, "A History of the New England Fish-



CAPT. JOHN W. MACFARLAND,
Who Has Had Book on Fisheries Dedi-
cated to Him.

eries." The volume is one of 457 pages and is dedicated to Capt. John W. MacFarland, one of the leading master mariners of this port, and a former president of the Master Mariners Association, who is an uncle of the author.

The work is the result both of experience that the author has had in the deep-sea fisheries on board a Gloucester fishing schooner, when a young man and of rather careful study of the industry.

A carefully written and compiled account of the beginning, rise and growth of the New England fisheries is contained in the book. Mr. MacFarland having made an extensive study of their history from the earliest times up to the present.

The methods of the inshore fisheries are dwelt upon at length, as are also the mackerel and cod fisheries, and one of the most important and interesting chapters of the book is that describing the decadence of the deep sea fisheries and their methods of operation.

The greatly discussed fisheries question is fully treated, and there is a complete bibliography and valuable appendix. In the latter is contained a detailed report of the award of the Hague Tribunal of Arbitration upon the North Atlantic coast fisheries.

POLLOCKERS HAVE GONE EAST.

FEW FRESH FISH LANDED HERE
LAST NIGHT AND SHIPPED
TO BOSTON MARKET.

The only fare of fish at this port this morning is 5000 pounds of salt cod, which sch. Teazer brought down from Boston yesterday afternoon after landing her fare of halibut at that port.

The steamers Bethula and Geisha were in during the night, each with about 3000 pounds of pollock, caught in their nets. These crafts carry both nets and seines, setting the former and then going looking for a chance to use the latter on a school of fish.

The little steam netter Quoddy also had a catch of pollock yesterday afternoon.

On Thursday quite a bunch of the pollock seining fleet went to the eastward in search of fish and have not returned. They are probably harbored at Portsmouth and Portland, as it has been blowy about all the time since they left.

The market boats which were in here yesterday, are still at their wharves, and it looks as though it was blowing fresh outside.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bethula, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Geisha, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Quoddy 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shore.

Sch. Harriet, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Preceptor, halibuting.

Sch. Elk, halibuting.

Sch. Susan and Mary, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.00 for medium.

Georges handliner halibut, 13 1-2 cents per lb. for white, 11 cts. for medium gray and 9 cents for large gray.

Bank halibut 13 1/2 c per lb., for white and 11c for gray, with the heads off.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30

per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per

cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

On the Railways.

The Bucksport, Me., fishing sch. Elizabeth N. is on Burnham Brothers railways.

Halibut Schooner Spoken.

Capt. Charles Colson of sch. Elk reports speaking sch. Selma on Quero Bank recently.

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Shelburne, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Lulu C., of Lockeport, has her engine installed again. She is still making good catches of fish, as is also the Marianna.

Capt. Clayton Collupy is fitting out the sloop Olive R. and Capt. Ted Locke has the sch. Togo fitted out for haddocking from Lockeport.

Mr. Cox's sch. Kestrel will go to the banks this spring with Lauchlan McKay as skipper. This will be Mr. McKay's first command.

Sch. Etta Vaughan, Bradford P. Thornburn, master, and Eva L. H. Albert Thornburn master, will both be engaged in the coasting trade this season.

Sch. Nellie J. King, of Sandy Point, will again engage in the bank fishing this season. She will be commanded by Robert McAlpine and will sail about May 1.

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VESSEL OWNERS MAY GET \$75,000

That Is the Sum Alleged to Have Been Illegally Paid to Newfoundland.

Premier Morris Willing to Pay Without Hearing Before a Commission

Under the decision of The Hague Tribunal in the North Atlantic Coast Fisheries arbitration last fall United States fishing vessels were not obliged to pay light and harbor dues, etc., on entering ports on the Newfoundland or Nova Scotia coast. For years United States vessels have been paying these duties, some times under protest and in the course of years the amount so paid has reached a very large sum.

In 1907 many of the firms here presented schedules of what their vessels had so paid out in recent years, as far forth as they had record and the same was forwarded to the state department as claims for money which had been illegally collected and for which they should be recompensed. The Newfoundland government has continued to collect, even during the past herring season, these light and harbor and other dues and thus the amount due Gloucester fishing firms has grown considerably.

It is understood that Premier Morris is willing to attempt the settlement of these claims, that is the harbor and light dues and duties wrongly collected, without having them go before a commission, as will be the method of procedure for claims for consequential damages and that the state department is now engaged in the work of getting the said claims in shape so that the presentation of the same may be made to Premier Morris. A conservative estimate of the amount involved in the light and harbor dues and duties claims is thought to be about \$75,000. Just how much of this can be substantiated and collected is not known, but it is certain that should the Premier and the state department come to an understanding as to a method of settlement the amount which will revert to many vessel owners here will be a very goodly sum.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the matter has already engaged the attention of some of the members of the Newfoundland legislature, for in session a few days ago, Sir Robert Bond, ex-premier, and leader of the opposition asked Premier Morris the following question:

"If the statements made by the Newfoundland correspondent of the Standard of Empire, and which appeared in

that paper under date of February 3, are correct, viz—that \$40,000 damages have been claimed by the United States 'on account of light dues and fines and penalties imposed upon them for breaches of our law;' that 'The Hague Tribunal reduced the claim by one-half;' and that the government has 'decided to settle the remaining claim of \$20,000 by direct negotiations with the United States government' and also 'if the said claim is still being pressed by the United States, and, if so, whether it is the intention of the government to admit a liability, or leave the United States to prove the justice of their claim through the supreme court?'

Premier Morris' Opinion.

In reply Premier Morris said: "The schedule to the pecuniary claims convention, transmitted to the Newfoundland government in 1908 by the United States government amounted to \$37,533.16. The proceedings of The Hague did not specially deal with these claims, except in so far as their findings on the question submitted to them will affect the decision of the court to which these pecuniary claims are to be submitted. The government has not decided to settle any claims by direct negotiations or otherwise. The government had no knowledge of the source whence the statement referred to emanated."

"The subject of the pecuniary claims and the schedule of the claims are at present under discussion by the United States government and His Majesty's government, as well as the government of Newfoundland and it would not be in the interests of the colony to at present make public any minutes of council or correspondence in relation to the same. I hope, however, that during the course of the session the matter will have reached a point when I shall be in a position to make the whole of the correspondence and minutes of council asked for."

"The claim is not being pressed by the United States government, as it has been provided that the matter shall be decided by a competent tribunal. It is not the intention of the government to admit any liability, but to leave it to the United States government to prove their claims before the tribunal, which may be ultimately adopted by the parties."

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Portland Fish Notes

Fish were fairly plentiful Thursday, for the following fares were received: Edmund Black, 7000 and Wesley Sinner, 12,000 for the F. S. Willard Co.; Fanny Reed, 4000; Fannie Hayden, 1000; Lochinvar, 8000; Watauga, 3000 and Gladys, 3000 for the dealers on Commercial wharf. Fish are fairly firm in price.

Just as the robin is a harbinger of spring on land so is the sturgeon a harbinger of spring on the water.

The first sturgeon of the year has been taken off the Maine coast and to Capt. George Nickerson of the sloop Rob Roy belongs the credit of landing this much prized article of sea food. The sturgeon was as handsome a fish as has been brought in here for some time. Capt. Nickerson got him in his nets, but he wasn't quite sure what kind of fish it was. When taken out at J. W. Trefethen's, a number of people recognized the breed. The sturgeon was about four feet long and weighed about 40 pounds.

Schs Edmund Black, Albert D. Willard and Eva and Mildred landed 18,000 pounds of fresh fish at Central wharf for F. S. Willard & Company on Friday. The Willard brought in 5000 pounds, the Black 6000 pounds and the Eva and Mildred 7000 pounds.

The pollock seiners Grace Otis and Pythian harbored here Friday.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

In Copenhagen there are water-tanks on wheels, and live fish are brought to the doors of people's houses.

During January last there was imported at New York 355,128 pounds of cod, valued at \$21,056; 4,330,896 pounds of herring, valued at \$162,482, and 777,392 pounds of mackerel, valued at \$35,074.

The Canadian Civil Service Commissioners give notice that applications will be received for an assistant in the fisheries branch of the department of Marine and Fisheries at an initial salary of \$1600 per annum. Candidates must be graduates of some recognized university.

Building New Schooners.

The great fish firm of Job Bros., St. John's, N. E., have now building for them on the Clyde a steel three masted schooner of 400 tons, to be employed in the fish export trade between St. John's and South America.

Provincetown Whalers to Fit Out.

Whaling schooners William A. Grozier and Ellen A. Swift will soon be fitted for a cruise to the Atlantic whaling grounds for sperm whales.

Stranded Fishing Schooner Stripped.

Sch. Mattakesett ashore at Peaked Hill bars, was stripped of sails, rigging, etc., first of the week.

SCH. EUGENIA HITS MARKET.

LIGHT FISH SUPPLY AT T WHARF THIS MORNING SOON CLEAN-ED UP.

The supply of fish in the nine vessels at T wharf this morning is not so great but what the dealers can handle it easily and have clean floors for Monday morning. Eight of the market boats brought catches ranging from 500 to 15,000 pounds, sch. Edith Silveira being the lucky possessor of the latter fine amount. The only off-shore there is sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, with 55,000 pounds. The captain has a fine paying trip as new off-shore haddock are bringing \$3.35, and he is getting \$2.60 for old. Shore haddock are quoted at \$4, large cod are worth \$4 to \$5, hake \$4 to \$6.25 and pollock \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are: Sch. Pontiac, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4000 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Eugenia, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod. Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod. Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod. Sch. Stranger, 7000 haddock, 100 cod. Sch. Edith Silveira, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod. Sch. Alice, 7500 haddock, 2400 cod. Sch. Laura Enos, 500 cod. Off-shore haddock, \$2.60 to \$3.35 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$4; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$6.25; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.70.

HALIBUT TAKES A DROP.

Large Amount of the Pacific Catch is Now on the Way to the East.

Bank halibut took a big drop yesterday, the fare of sch. Teazer of this port, which was at Boston with a trip of 16,000 pounds, selling to the New England Fish Company at 10 1-2 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray. Last sales for fare lots of bank halibut at this port and also at Boston were 13 1-2 cents for white and 11 cents for gray.

The drop is said to be owing to the fact that a large amount of Pacific halibut is now on the way east. It is said that the Pacific halibut catchers have been doing big of late, and one of the halibut concerns is authority for the statement that no less than 23 cars of Pacific halibut are due at Boston and New York this morning and Monday night.

French Fishermen Work on Shares.

The French fishermen who man the St. Pierre fleet on the Grand banks are engaged for shares in the catch instead of wages, says Consul Jenkins. This includes both the ordinary seamen and the master. The latter, however, is sometimes given a bonus in addition to his share in the catch, but this depends on special agreement with the owner and does not affect the earnings of other members of the crew.

The scale of compensation, according to the shipping agreement now in use in this colony, is computed on the thousand fish, weighing 33 quintals (1 quintal equals 112 pounds), the arbitrary value of which is fixed at 16 francs (\$3.08) the green quintal. When the fish are sold for more than 16 franc, the difference is added, pro rata, to the share of each member of the crew, and when actually disposed of for less than the standard value a corresponding deduction is made. After the cost of bait is deducted, the fishermen are paid on the gross value of their catch.

The skipper of a St. Pierre fishing schooner is entitled to 23.3 cents per quintal, as reckoned above, on the total catch. There are usually two other officers, the "second," who is the mate, and the "maitre," who has charge of the fishing gear, supplies, etc.

While the skipper does not fish, the second and maitre are each in charge of a dory. The second is entitled to \$14.08 per thousand fish taken in his own dory and 96.5 cents per thousand on the catch of the whole crew. The maitre gets \$13.51 per thousand on his dory catch and 42.5 cents per thousand on the total.

The salter, who is not expected to fish, is entitled to \$2.50 per thousand on the total catch and \$1.16 additional

on each barrel of cod oil. The cook is compensated at the rate of \$1.02 per thousand fish, based on the total catch; while the apprentice, if there be one, is entitled to about 92 cents per thousand. The cabin boy gets 67 cents per thousand.

Prospective Cod Catch Already Bought Up.

The coming season promises to be a banner one for the local fishermen of St. Pierre, Miquelon. All the catch of the fleet, which will number about fifty sail has been purchased by Leonie Coste & Co., Moruse Francaise, R. Chuinard and G. Monier, the average price being \$3.85 per quintal dried salt bulk. This is an increase of forty-five cents per quintal over that paid last year, when the catch amounted to about 2,500 quintals per vessel. No price has been settled upon for the catch of the shore fishermen.

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Halibut Fare Sold.

The fare of halibut of sch. Kineo sold to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray.

The fares of halibut of schs. Marsala and Benjamin A. Smith sold to the American Halibut Company at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 cents per pound for gray.

Sch. Gladiator Sold.

Capt. Jerome McDonald has sold sch. Gladiator, 112.81 tons gross, 75.24 tons net, built in Essex in 1891, to Capt. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport. The craft will continue in the fisheries and will be a fine addition to Capt. Nicholson's sturdy fleet.

Fitting for Bank Fishing.

The Bucksport, Me., fishing sch. Elizabeth N., owned by Capt. T. M. Nicholson, is here to fit out for salt trawl bank codfishing. Capt. Donald Marr will command her.

Taking Out Herring in Boston.

The British sch. Coronation, under charter to Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, has gone to Boston to take out her part cargo of frozen herring.

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Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.00 for medium. Bank halibut, 10c per lb., for white and 8c for gray, with the heads off. Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2. Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt. Salt hake, \$2 per cwt. Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt. Splitting prices for fresh fish: Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c. Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers 50c. Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.